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1. INITIAL REVIEW OF SHORT-TERM ASSESSMENT CONTAINED REF (A)
LEFT AID/W WITH MIXED FEELINGS. ON ONE HAND WE WERE
PLEASED WITH DILIGENT CDO EFFORT TO DELINEATE SEVERAL
AREAS OF PRESSING NEED WHICH COULD PROVESUSCEPTIBLE TO
DONOR ASSISTANCE INTERVENTION. ON OTHER HAND, MESSAGE'S
REALISTIC HIGHLIGHTING OF UNIQUE CONSTRAINTS POSED BY
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GOC'S APPROACH TO ITS SHORT-TERM HUMAN NEEDS RAISED SERIOUS

DOUBTS ABOUT LIKELY CHANCE-OF-SUCCESS OF SHORT-TERM DONOR UNDERTAKINGS.

2. FURTHER REVIEW OF ASSESSMENT SUGGESTS THAT BECAUSE OF UNIQUE CONSTRAINTS POSED BY GOC, DONORS SEEM TO TAKE THEIR COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITIES MORE SERIOUSLY IN CHAD THAN IN SEVERAL NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT APPEARS CDO IS CONSCIOUSLY AND EFFECTIVELY CAPITALIZING ON INFORMAL LINKS WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND BILATERAL/INTERNATIONAL DONORS TO MAXIMIZE IMPACT OF U.S.FUNDS AND IN-

SURE ATTAINMENT OF ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVES. AID/W WISHES TO ENCOURAGE THESE CDO INITIATIVES WITH OTHER DONORS AS IT APPEARS COLLABORATIVE APPROACH WILL RESULT IN MORE EFFECTIVE COVERAGE OF EMERGENCY HEALTH/FOOD NEEDS OF CHAD'S RURAL POPULATION. OUR VIEWS ON SPECIFIC AREAS OF COLLABORATION FOLLOW.

3. FOOD TO RURAL AREAS. (A) AID/W BELIEVES THAT CARE R AND R FOOD TRANSPORTATION SCHEME REFERRED TO IN PARA 13 A, REF (A) HAS CONSIDERABLE MERIT AND WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER FUNDING AUTHORIZATIONS AT DOLLARS 180,000 (ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS) LEVEL IF AID/W REVIEW OF CDO/CARE OPERATIONAL PLAN CONCLUDES THAT PLAN IS WELL DEvised AND CONTAINS SUFFICIENT SAFEGUARDS TO INSURE REASONABLE ATTAINMENT OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION OBJECTIVES IN REMOTE AREAS OF CHAD. SUGGEST CARE DIRECTOR AND CDO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY AND CABLE REFINED OPERATIONAL PLAN.

(B) AID/W ALSO PREPARED TO CONSIDER FUNDING ASSISTANCE (THROUGH OSRO) FOR TRANSPORTATION/DISTRIBUTION OF LOCALLY PURCHASED GRAINS BUT IT APPEARS THAT DISTRIBUTION PHASE OF OSRO/WFP PURCHASE SCHEME REQUIRES CLARIFICATION. WE WERE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT WFP REP HAS NOT YET NEGOTIATED ISSUE OF DISTRIBUTION WITH FDAR SINCE OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRIBUTION PLAN WAS SINE QUA NON FOR OSRO/WFP APPROVAL OF LOCAL PURCHASE SCHEME. REQUEST CDO URGE WFP TO FINALIZE DISTRIBUTION PLAN. HOPEFULLY, AID/W WILL RECEIVE PLAN DURING MARCH IN ORDER REVIEW FOR POSSIBLE FUNDING ASSISTANCE.
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4. EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE. (A) AID/W REQUESTS CDO DISCUSS BLEAK HEALTH CARE SITUATION (REPORTED REF (A)) WITH INFORMAL DONOR GROUP IN ORDER STIMULATE A GOC/MULTI-DONOR EFFORT TO IMPROVE EMERGENCY HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM TO RURAL AREAS. WE ASSUME COORDINATION ON DONOR SIDE WOULD BE HANDLED BY WHO, AND AID FUNDING ASSISTANCE WOULD BE PROVIDED ON A PROPORTIONATE BASIS. (BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL

REQUIRE FIRM GOC COMMITMENT ON ISSUE OF PETROL.) AID/W WILLING TO CONSIDER EMERGENCY FUNDING AFTER REVIEWING PROPOSED MULTI-DONOR APPROACH AND REACTION OF GOC TO SAME. (B) OTHER REPORTS ARRIVING AID/W ALSO INDICATE R AND R MOBILE HEALTH TEAMS PROVIDING VALUABLE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO POOREST ELEMENT OF POPULATION. AID/W INCLINED TO CONCUR IN CDO R AND R ADD-ON RECOMMENDATION BUT REQUIRES CABLED BREAKDOWN OF INTENDED USES FOR DOLLARS 25,000 (TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS).

5. SHORT-TERM (1975) CROP PROTECTION. ON MARCH 4 OSRO CABLED AID/W REQUESTING A FIRM U.S. COMMITMENT FOR SHORT-TERM PEST CONTROL CAMPAIGN. ON MARCH 6 AID AUTHORIZED DOLLARS 500,000 (FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) FOR OSRO COORDINATED PROJECT. SINCE CANADIANS, SCANDINAVIANS, AND BRITISH HAVE ALSO ANNOUNCED THEIR COMMITMENTS FOR 1975 CROP PROTECTION CAMPAIGN, WE ANTICIPATE OSRO PROCUREMENT OF PESTICIDES WILL COMMENCE WITHIN TWO WEEKS. REQUEST PERIODIC REPORT FROM CDO ON RATE-OF-IMPLEMENTATION OF OSRO COORDINATED PROGRAM IN CHAD.

6. CONSTRUCTION OF 1,000 MT STORAGE UNIT IN NDJAMENA. THIS STORAGE UNIT WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CABLE.

7. FUMIGATION. OSRO WILLING TO COORDINATE FUMIGATION SHOULD NEED ARISE.

8. ON-SITE EVALUATION OF FOOD/HEALTH NEEDS. AID/W INFORMATION GAP ON ACTUAL HUMAN-NEED CONDITIONS IN RURAL AREAS OF CHAD IS GREATER THAN OTHER SAHEL COUNTRIES--UNDERSTANDABLY, PERHAPS--IN VIEW OF TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES POSED BY GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS, REBEL ACTIVITIES, VAST DISTANCES, ETC. WE WOULD APPRECIATE, HOWEVER, RELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CEIVING CABLED CDO VIEWS ON WHAT MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN TO NARROW THE RURAL INFORMATION GAP SO THAT AN ADEQUATE ASSISTANCE RESPONSE CAN BE FORMULATED BEFORE NEEDS REACH THE QUOTE CRISIS UNQUOTE STAGE. IN CDO REPLY, SPECIAL REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO AREAS WHERE POPULATION SEGMENTS HAVE BEEN LEFT QUOTE AT-RISK UNQUOTE DURING HARDSHIP SEASONS OF PAST TWO YEARS.

9. FOOD MONITORING RESPONSIBILITIES--AID/CHAD. AID/W ASSUMES VAL MAHAN HAS BEEN ASSIGNED FOOD MONITORING RESPONSIBILITIES. ADVISE IF ADDITIONAL TDY ASSISTANCE

IS REQUIRED.

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